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| of 3 | e amendment document filed on <u>9/8/2006</u> is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is quired. |
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| | 2. Abstract: A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. B. Other |
| | 3. Amendments to the drawings: A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required. C. Other |
| | □ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. □ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) □ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended). □ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order. □ E. Other: A proper election of species was not made. |
| | 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4): |
| -or | further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714. |
| ΓIN | ME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE: |
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| 2. | Applicant is given one month , or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a <i>Quayle</i> action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. |
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The reply to the requirement for election of species by the Applicant failed to properly elect a species of a therapeutic agent or compound, enumerated in claims 8-17 and 24-33. Please see the last paragraph of page 2, continued to page 3. Applicant was to elect one therapeutic agent or compound. For example, if Applicant chooses the one therapeutic agent to be administered with the 2,3-alkylcarbonyloxybenzoic acid to be an antibiotic, then Applicant must choose one antibiotic listed in claims 9, and 24-25. Or if Applicant chooses a compound to be administered with the 2,3-alkylcarbonyloxybenzoic acid, then Applicant must choose one compound listed in claims 14-15, 28, 30. An election of a species of one therapeutic agent or one compound is required.